

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

Listing of the claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, said method inhibiting rebar corrosion and product degradation due to alkali reactions and to presence of alkalis and sulfates in said structure, said method comprising the following step:

| applying a composition containing lithium glycerophosphate ~~is applied to a surface of~~
said structure.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said composition is an aqueous solution.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the following step:

impregnating said structure with said aqueous solution containing lithium glycerophosphate.

17. (Cancelled)

| 18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~17~~14, wherein an amount of lithium glycerophosphate from 0.003 to 3 mol/m² is applied.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said composition is applied using means selected from the group consisting of a brush, a roller and a spray device.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, wherein said steel rebars are exposed to open air, to inhibit corrosion of said steel rebars, said method comprising the following step:

covering said rebars ~~are covered~~ with a paint containing lithium glycerophosphate.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said paint is an aqueous-based paint.

22. (Previously Presented) A treatment method for treating a not-yet solidified cement-based paste intended to solidify and immobilize steel rebars thereby forming a structure comprising said rebars and a solidified cement based product, said method comprising the following step:

incorporating a composition containing lithium glycerophosphate into said not-yet solidified cement-based paste.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein an amount of between 0.001 wt% and 1 wt% lithium glycerophosphate is incorporated into said paste.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said composition is an aqueous solution.

25. (Previously Presented) A structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, obtained by a method as claimed in claim 14.

26. (Previously Presented) A structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, obtained by a method as claimed in claim 20.

27. (Previously Presented) A structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, obtained by a method as claimed in claim 22.